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#### Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

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(Revised 1/3/11)

#### PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

Spc	nsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) and LA
Co	astal Protection and Restoration Authority (not required to complete form as government entity)
Des	To educate Congressional offices on Louisiana's delicate ecosystems and coastal
	toration program and address concerns about implementing sediment diversions
Dat	es of travel: Thursday, August 25-Friday, August 26, 2016
Pla	ce of travel: New Orleans, LA, Braithwaite, LA and Buras, LA
Nai	me and title of Senate invitees: See attachment 1
1 <i>c</i>	ertify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
X	(A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.  OR -
	(B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
X	1 certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  - AND -
X	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
1 c	ertify that:
X	The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for de minimis lobbyist involvement.  - AND -
X	The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)  I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, and of the following segments applies:
	foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:  (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Members officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.  -OR-
	(B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).  -OR-
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)  If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
	Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana is financing the trip and will coordinate logistics, execute the
	itinerary and prepare materials, in consultation with the State of Louisiana and participating organizations.
13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:  CRCL is a non-profit organization whose mission is to drive bold, science-based action to rebuild
	coastal Louisiana through outreach, restoration and advocacy.
14.	Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:
	No history of sponsoring Congressional trips
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21.	Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:				
	We do not expect daily expenses to exceed per diem rates.				
22.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:				
	Commercial flights (economy class); chartered minibus; airboats				
23.	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).				
24.	List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:				
	None				
25.	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):  Signature of Travel Sponsor:				
	Name and Title: Kimberly Reyher				
	Name of Organization: Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana				
	Address: 3801 Canal Blvd Suite 325 New Orleans, LA 70119				
	Telephone Number: 504-264-6812				
	Fax Number:				
	E-mail Address: kimberly.reyher@crcl.org				

CRCL provides educ	cational hands-on coastal		opportunities. CRC	
educational events, i	ncluding the State of the	Coast Conference in	n New Orleans every	two years, for
members of the publ	lic, academic community a	and others intereste	d in Louisiana coasta	I restoration.
Total Expenses for E	ach Participant:			
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Good Faith estimate  Actual	\$600 including flights, ground transfer, etc. for staff members traveling from outside of LA \$200 for those who will	\$100	\$125	
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U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics 220 Hart Building United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

July 28, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves to inform your office that the Walton Family Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization, has provided a grant to the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana for the purpose of sponsoring a trip with Congressional staff to coastal Louisiana. The Foundation is not, however, involved in the invitation of members or in the organization of the trip itself.

All required documentation has been provided to the respective Senate and House Committees on Ethics.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

#### Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form Attachment 1

Question 1: National Wildlife Federation (NWF); Environmental Defense Fund (EDF); and Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) not required to complete sponsor form as a state government entity

#### Question 12:

<u>NWF</u>: NWF has staff across the Gulf Coast and is actively involved in both Mississippi River Delta and Gulf Coast restoration efforts, both advocacy and education, at the state and federal level. NWF is financing the trip and helping to coordinate logistics, develop the itinerary, invite staff members and prepare materials.

<u>EDF</u>: EDF works to develop innovative science-based solutions to Louisiana's land loss crisis. EDF is coordinating logistics, preparing materials, coordinating participating organizations, and developing and executing the itinerary. No financial contribution.

#### Question 13:

<u>NWF</u>: NWF's mission is to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future. The Gulf of Mexico is home to approximately 15,000 unique species of wildlife, many of which depend upon the health of the Mississippi River Delta. Congressional staff members will see some of these species.

<u>EDF</u>: EDF's mission is to preserve the natural systems on which all life depends. Guided by science and economics, we find practical and lasting solutions to the most serious environmental problems. Sediment diversions, which will be toured and discussed throughout the trip, are an important example of where a natural process must be restored for the benefit of the ecosystem and the region's natural resource dependent economies.

#### Question 14:

NWF: NWF has done very few educational trips for congressional staff over the past 15 years. Efforts many years ago included educational tours of units BLM's National Landscape Conservation System and iconic waters like the Great Lakes.

EDF: EDF has no history of Congressional trips.

### Congressional Staff Delegation Trip August 25-26, 2016 New Orleans, LA

**Purpose:** To educate Congressional offices on Louisiana's delicate ecosystems and coastal restoration program; demonstrate connections between restoration and economic stability in Louisiana and the broader Gulf; and discuss how Louisiana is working with state and federal partners and other stakeholders to address concerns about implementing sediment diversions.

Participating Organizations: The Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the Restore the Mississippi River Delta Coalition (Environmental Defense Fund, National Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation), Restore or Retreat, Greater New Orleans, Inc., and the Coalition for Coastal Resilience and Economy (CCRE).

**Attire:** Casual. For boat tours, please wear appropriate shoes and bring sun protection. Note: We will be going directly from the airport to a boat tour, so please make sure you're dressed appropriately before boarding the bus. Feel free to bring bathing suits, as there is a pool at the lodge.

#### Thursday, August 25, 2016

10: 20 am: American flight #5145 arrives at MSY from DCA

12:45 pm: Southwest flight #417 arrives at MSY from DCA

Note: We will try to book all staff members on the same flight between these two, but final decisions will be made based upon availability at time of booking.

Contact for arrivals: Jessie Ritter, NWF (708-408-5662)
Jessie will meet the delegation at the baggage claim area with a sign reading, "Welcome Congressional Delegation" and will proceed to the bus.

1-2 pm: Charter bus ride to Caernarvon

Louisiana-style lunch will be provided on the bus

<u>Program</u>: The Mississippi River Delta's Land Loss Crisis: Framing an Issue of National Importance by Steve Cochran, Director of the Restore

the Mississippi River Delta Coalition

Location: 1035 LA-39, Braithwaite, LA 70040

2-4 pm: Airboat Tour of Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion

<u>Program</u>: Delegation will board airboats and tour this freshwater diversion. Mike Benge, owner of Delacroix Corporation, will give brief remarks before the tour. John Lopez, LPBF Coastal Sustainability

Program Director, and Theryn Henkel, LPBF Coastal Sustainability Program Assistant Director, will lead the tour.

Caernarvon is a freshwater diversion located near the town of Braithwaite, LA, on the East Bank of the Mississippi River on the border of St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes. It was federally authorized under the Flood Control Act of 1965 and the Water Resource Development Acts of 1974, 1986, and 1996. It began operation in 1991 to re-introduce freshwater to lower salinity of the marshes and bays of the Breton Sound estuary. Due to the very modest introduction of sediment over time, the diversion has contributed to about 800 acres of land gain, particularly in the Big Mar outfall area.

4-5:15 pm:

#### Charter bus ride to Cajun Fishing Adventures

<u>Program</u>: Debrief/Q&A from airboat tour of Caernarvon Diversion; windshield tour of lower Mississippi River as we traverse the river road along the levee (sights will include communities inundated by hurricanes Katrina and Isaac; the hurricane levees, including the Federal Hurricane Protection Levee being re-constructed; site of the proposed Mid-Breton Diversion; abandoned agricultural fields and historic plantations; White's Ditch Freshwater Siphon; and the Point a la Hache Ferry to the west bank); David Muth, National Wildlife Federation Director of Gulf Restoration Program will lead the tour.

Location: 35427 LA-23, Buras, LA 70041

6-6:30 pm:

#### **Refreshments before dinner** (optional)

<u>Program</u>: Meet and greet with and remarks from Louisiana chef and

coastal restoration advocate Isaac Toups (Toups Eatery)

<u>Location</u>: Great Room or pool

6:30-6:45 pm:

Introduction of Johnny Bradberry and CPRA staff by Kimberly Reyher,

Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana

Location: Great Room

6:45-7:15 pm:

Welcome from Johnny Bradberry, Chair of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and CPRA presentation by

Bren Haase

Location: Great Room

7:15-9 pm:

#### Dinner

<u>Program</u>: Historical overview of Mississippi River Delta degradation and restoration issues, David Muth, NWF Director of Gulf Restoration Program; presentation by John Lopez on what we have learned from

existing diversions

Location: Main dining room

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#### Overnight at Cajun Fishing Adventures Lodges

#### Friday, August 26, 2016

7:30-8:15 am: Breakfast

<u>Program</u>: Presentation by Ryan Lambert, owner of Cajun Fishing

Adventures

<u>Location</u>: Main dining room

Please come to breakfast checked out of your room and with your bags

8:15-8:30 am: Shuttles to boat launch

8:30-11:00 am: Boat Tour of Fort St. Philip Marsh with Ryan Lambert

<u>Program</u>: Captain Lambert will recount his experiences as a hunting and fishing entrepreneur who has witnessed profound changes to the delta. He will contrast the negative changes — loss of habitat, diversity and abundance on the West Bank of the river cut off from river flow, and contrast it with the positive changes he has witnessed on the east bank. Participants will see these changes taking place on the boat tour of

marshes sustained by the river.

A series of shallow, natural cuts allow river water to flow over the banks into these marshes, sustaining them with silt and freshwater. The only place on the Mississippi River above the passes where this process is allowed to function—the east bank below Bohemia, gives a glimpse of what deltaic wetlands were like before the levees were built, and what some of them could be like again if additional diversions are built.

11:00-11:15 am: Shuttles back to lodge

11:45am-12:55 pm: Lunch

<u>Program</u>: Briefing by GNO, Inc. (Michael Hecht and Robin Barnes) and CCRE (Marty Mayer) about the impact of coastal restoration on the economy and businesses, as well as the link between coastal restoration

and flood insurance

<u>Location</u>: Main dining room

12:55-1:00 pm: Closing remarks

<u>Program</u>: Steve Cochran, Director of the Restore the Mississippi River

**Delta Coalition** 

1:00-2:30 pm Charter bus trip to MSY

Southwest flight #2724 departs MSY for DCA 4:25 pm:

American flight #4646 departs MSY for DCA 5:25 pm:

> Note: We will try to book all staff members on the same flight between these two, but final decisions will be made based upon availability at

time of booking.

#### Attachment 2

Last Name	First Name	Office	Title
Albritton	Jason	Committee on Environment and Public Works	Senior Policy Advisor
Anderson	Ron	Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	Senior Policy Advisor
Elsner	Brandon	Roger Wicker (R-MS)	Legislative Assistant
Gillott	Chris	Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	Legislative Director
Gonzalez-Rothi		Committee on Commerce, Science and	
Kronenthal	Sara	Transportation	Counsel
Hanson	Alan	Richard Shelby (R-LA)	Chief of Staff
Henry	Elizabeth	Thad Cochran (R-MS)	Legislative Aide
Illston	Ted	Committee on Environment and Public Works	Counsel
Neely	Andrew	Committee on Environment and Public Works	Legislative Assistant
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Rathburn	Kolo	Commerce, Justice and Science	Professional Staff